

April brought us back to the US just in time to experience the beauty of spring. We had a lovely visit with family, friends, and, of course, our grandson! We took the opportunity, with the nice weather and the freedom we have to go out in the US, to go on some beautiful hikes. We also had the opportunity to update the family at New Hope Chapel about the ministry and to visit with friends at First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist. It was good to be home in RI for a little break. In the middle of May we returned to Haiti just in time for flag day! We celebrated at Esper Kay by proudly displaying the Haitian flag on our house.





Celebrate Recovery Ladies Retreat

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



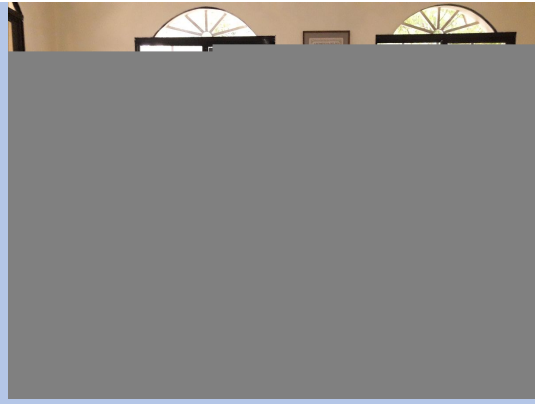


At Espere Kay, in the courtyard below our bedroom window, there is a flock of chickens. Each morning, at the crack of dawn, a rooster flies up into the tree outside our window and crows as loudly as he can. As he calls out, other roosters below and in the distance answer back. Not only does this happen in the morning but quite often throughout the day. To make these interruptions a little easier to accept, we have decided the roosters are shouting out, “Jesus loves you!” These roosters are a great representation of what we want to be doing each time we are here in Haiti. Through our words and deeds, we want to tell others, “Jesus loves you!” Deb had a chance to do this very thing in a practical way for two days in May. Her friend Deb Runge, who is now the official Celebrate Recovery Representative from the US to Haiti, held a two day Step Study Seminar for twelve young ladies. The focus of the seminar was to have the young women fill out their inventories of past memories, both good and bad. Then, on the second day, they shared them privately with a volunteer and a translator. These young ladies were very courageous in sharing. The rest of the seminar was spent in worship, eating meals together, going for a swim in the pool, watching CR videos, praying and just getting to know one another. At the end of the second day, each girl was given a copy of the New Testament in Creole (compliments of Espere Kay) and there was a celebration of pizza and cake for a job well done! We know many of you were coming alongside our Deb in praying for this event. Thank you so much! The Lord was definitely listening to your prayers and He answered in a big way. What a blessing it was for Deb to get to know these fine young ladies and to be able to encourage them with the Good News that Jesus does indeed love them!

Bible Study and Worship

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:11



While we were in the States, Dave began our study on parables. He sent them to the Young Adults on WhatsApp with a series of questions to help them think about what the parables were saying and how they could apply them to their lives.

We had a night of worship for our first Bible study together back in Haiti. Mirlande brought Psalm 1 to share with the group. She chose these verses because they show what will happen to the wicked. This led to a discussion about, how do we know what is righteous and what is wicked? Where can we find that information? One young adult said, "God's Word." We also looked at what God says will happen to the righteous and what will happen to the wicked. We talked about how we can become righteous. Everyone agreed it is through salvation in Jesus Christ.

For our second Bible study, John shared Psalm 119:11. He said he shared this verse to show the importance of knowing God's Word so we don't sin. Our verses for the Bible study that night were the three parables, found in Matthew 13:44-50, about God's Kingdom. There was discussion about what God's Kingdom is, who is in it and how people can become a part of it? (We did things a little differently this week by giving each young adult a New Testament Bible to look at while we discussed the verses. In this way they could look at the words in front of them when we made reference to them and could ask questions. We look forward to continuing with another parable next week using this same method for study.) We ended the night with a time of worship and prayer.

Just an encouraging side note. Jonathan, our translator, who attends all our Bible studies, informed us he is now teaching Sunday School for children at his church. He is very excited to be able to share his faith with them. We are excited to see him taking what he has learned and passing it on to the next generation. Way to go Jonathan!

Prayer Requests

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Be joyful in hope – We are full of joy and so thankful for our blessed time in the US, the success of the CR retreat, our safe return to Haiti and that all the young adults are healthy and well. We are hoping for safe and successful elections coming soon. Please join with us in praying for Godly leaders who love the Lord and love the people. We pray in hope for the end of the insecurity issues and of Covid.

Patient in Affliction – Please keep Haiti in your prayers. Kidnappings continue to be an issue (some a little too close to home), violence can happen at any time and now Covid cases and deaths are on an upswing. It has been announced schools will close early this year, curfews are being established and large gatherings are being restricted. Please pray for an end to the pandemic here and for minimal loss of life.

Faithful in prayer – Please pray for our wisdom as we continue to disciple our young adults, pray for God’s leading in the ministry, for our young adults to finish well in school this year, for more opportunities to share the Gospel and for everyone’s protection during these trying times.

Thank you for your prayers.

You all are such a blessing to us!

Deb and Dave



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